

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 10, 11, 12 and 16 have been amended. Claim 25 has been cancelled. Support for the amendment of claim 1 can be found at page 11, lines 4 and 5. Support for the amendment of claim 10 and claim 11 can be found at page 11, line 4. Support for the amendment of claim 12 can be found at page 11, line 4 and at page 3, line 28. Support for the amendment of claim 16 can be found at page 17, line 31.

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-20 will be pending, of which claim 1 is independent.

35 U.S.C. 112 Rejections:

Claims 1-20 and claim 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 1 has been amended to specify that the multifunctional isocyanate is a diisocyanate. This language complies with the written description in page 11, lines 1-4, which supports urethane (meth)acrylates according to formula X_2-I-X_2 (b), wherein I represents a diisocyanate residue. Claim 1 has also been amended to specify that X_2 represents a residue of a component represented by the formula (c), instead of "a residue or a component". Claim 25 has herein been cancelled, rendering rejection of this claim moot.

Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph for alleged lack of enablement. Claim 1 has been amended to specify that the isocyanate is a diisocyanate. Support for this amendment can be found at page 11, line 4, which provides enablement for urethane (meth)acrylates, wherein the number of linkages, A- X_1-O- (otherwise known as X_2), within formula (b), corresponds to the number of isocyanate groups of the diisocyanate.

Claims 1-20 and claim 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that X_2 represents a residue of a component represented by the formula (c), instead of "a residue or a component". Claim 25 has herein been cancelled, rendering rejection of this claim moot.

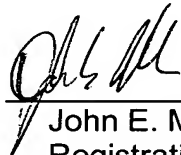
The Applicants submit that the above amendments fully remedy these rejections and, accordingly, respectfully request their withdrawal.

Conclusion

As all rejections have been addressed and overcome, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition of allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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